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## BACKGROUND CHECKS & TALES OF THE UNEXI

### OUR STAPLE DIET

Background checks and research are our daily bread. We are often called upon to undertake desk top research on individuals, their associates and relations along with their reputable and on occasion nefarious activities not just for us but for our clients too.

The world we live in now is just as much a real jungle as it ever was. The only problem is that we've added accompanying black holes. Next time you ask us to carry out a simple, straightforward and benign background check we know what's round the corner, be it a cerulean hole or hungry hyena.

Accordingly, we thought it might be of interest to some of our readers to highlight and exemplify a couple of background checks or indeed any desk top research. They may seem rather basic. So be it. Why? The issues recur time and time again they had the sense to choose us!

### THREE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS

The critical issue when undertaking any background check or desk top research is as simple as ABC: Accuracy is our first port of call on any assignment. In an imperfect world instructions are often imperfect as can be. We cannot check everything we're told from the start. If you set out for the moon and are 0.0001 degrees off course

Another key issue as an assignment progresses is to be able to differentiate between a loose end that needs to be have often identified tangential issues during the course of an assignment which were of more concern than in first place. Going that extra mile to add value, mitigate risk and pave the way for a clear path ahead is all about tangential expeditions without our clients' consent.

Finally, there is nothing wrong in selectively using automated checks like LexisNexis, Intelius, Checkm quicker. However, without experienced interpretation and further research simply relying on the results

The data gleaned from some of these types of automated checks can on occasion be as misleading as the laundering automated checks as noted in [a recent PwC Global report](#). Per the report “less than 1% of glc authorities” despite a global spend of over US\$6 billion on money laundering checks etc. One might jus of money”.

In almost all of the examples that follow, had we simply accepted the findings of automated checks or s would have missed the jewels in the crown. Artificial intelligence is in its embryonic days and conclusi may be as unreliable as the out of date and/or incomplete databases on which they were based.

Furthermore, even if the results of automated checks are interpreted by human beings, do they have suff signals? The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime concluded that almost the entire money launde their searches even consider whether the “facts” might have been distorted by disinformation placed the

Needless to say, in the ensuing examples, sufficient information has been withheld to prevent either the that all the assignments alluded to below were completed by Faire Sans Dire ahead of schedule notwith:

## **EXAMPLES FROM OUR MENU OF EXPERIENCES**

### ***The client may be wrong – intentionally or otherwise***

We were asked to investigate a whistleblower who had purportedly defamed the director who instructed evidence that the director was de facto moonlighting with a competitor didn’t withstand scrutiny. Howe the extra mile we discovered that the director was moonlighting under such a well established pseudony law firm couldn’t possibly have guessed it was a stitch up, but once armed with what we dug up, the tru the whistleblower was exonerated.

Another similar assignment involved a well known global financial conglomerate which wanted to appc he was ex-FBI. During a chat apropos “nothing” we noted an aberration that ultimately led us to the ext had spent a gap year in prison in the USA before being employed and trained by them. He didn’t get the but could do nothing about it.

### ***Finding a clear path without clues and ignoring disinformation***

For completely understandable reasons, sometimes even our clients who have their own risk management in their own right aren't able to give us complete or accurate data at the outset of an investigation. Never misspelt or just wrong, normally within hours of receiving instructions we will have identified the individual commencing the detailed assignments. That is an example of ABC in practice if ever there was one. Millions of clues and some of those are often just disinformation.

### ***Be prepared for anything after a thorough check***

A small English law firm asked us to help one of their wealthy clients in a case that oddly enough ended by obtaining some surprising evidence and the defendant's claims were decimated. The fact that the defendant's experience had eluded the rest of the person's family and all their professional advisers for almost a decade helped protect the plaintiffs from any retribution.

### ***Even death can't be said to be certain***

Talking of courts, on another occasion we located a death certificate for a gentleman we had been asked to investigate. We subsequently found him alive and well and persuaded him to return from the grave to testify in court. "disappearance" and the local law enforcement authorities had mistakenly identified someone else's box. The name wasn't John Bingham!

### ***If there's one flaw there are usually others lurking in the shadows***

En passant on assignments we frequently "stumble" across other vulnerabilities in the websites of those providing banking and legal advice and on one occasion we even found a huge flaw affecting all the emails sent via the website. We are always difficult because a supplier is unlikely to admit a flaw exists. However, where requested to, we will fix such vulnerabilities thereby protecting not only our clients from reputational and/or financial damage but also the public.

On many assignments, where we have been asked to investigate one issue we almost inevitably find other issues. It is certainly a mischief or murder of them.

### ***The road to reputational ruin is paved with unintended leaks***

After a meticulous beauty contest Faire Sans Dire was selected by one of the top three global law firms to investigate involvement in organised criminality. Within three days of being appointed we submitted a preliminary report that emails relating to the law firm's assignment had been intercepted by multiple parties and the targets of the investigation being investigated before we even took part in the beauty parade.

### ***The opposing parties in a dispute may be part of a facade***

Another international law firm was involved in some supposedly straightforward commercial disputes in background information on their opponents and potential witnesses. By looking at their clients first, our parties which led the firm to question the veracity of and purpose of the dispute and the role which they the dispute was to launder money?

### ***The complete truth can be an elusive commodity***

A leading Asian law firm instructed us to investigate affidavits adducing evidence that a high ranking of taker and prone to violent outbursts. Those submitting the affidavits swore on oath that there was no doubt affidavits had been based on imperfect translations of old benign press reports (which were not available) were withdrawn apologetically: we can all make genuine mistakes and even nowadays not all data in the

### ***You can't hurry the truth but on occasion we can!***

One lawyer from a leading American law firm asked us to shed light on the structure of a group of interest able to penetrate prior to an important client lunch. By desert we provided a comprehensive explanation Working fast on investigations isn't a sin as long as you are not hurried by the client.

### ***Background checks that don't quite make sense***


Our final example relates to our own breed! There is such a thing as a peer review in the investigation of assistance but we are also brought in by clients to seek out any additional dimensions to otherwise routine household name company in the UK avoiding costly and highly embarrassing litigation. We were able to counterparty was an unblemished philanthropist and not as alleged, a money launderer.

## **CONCLUSIONS DU JOUR**

With twists and turns as exemplified above, an in house background check is unlikely to be as effective as investigators. If you are uncomfortable with the findings of any investigation or research then when in doubt investigators like us is always worth considering. That extra mile might just save you from disaster when

Our Web Data Reviews as opposed to full blown investigations may be of interest to you so please contact us other than the case involving the FBI, our Web Data Reviews alone would have led us to the quirks we found on the web.

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